

Introduced by Senator McPherson

February 20, 2004

An act to amend Section 8592.1 of, and to add Section 8592.6 to, the Government Code, relating to public safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1654, as introduced, McPherson. Public safety: communication equipment.

Existing law provides that the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee, comprised of 12 specified state entities, shall have primary responsibility in state government for developing and implementing a statewide integrated public safety communication system for state government agencies that facilitates interoperability and other shared uses of public safety spectrum with local and federal agencies. Existing law requires the committee to make recommendations for agency purchase of new or upgraded communication equipment that will enable interoperability consistent with public safety digital communications standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Telecommunications Information Association (TIA).

Existing law further provides that specified moneys received from the federal government for homeland security may be allocated for disbursement to state and local public safety agencies to procure and operate interoperable radio equipment that meets the public safety digital communications standards in Suite 102 of the ANSI and the TIA.

This bill would add the Governor's Office of Homeland Security to the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee.

This bill would require a state agency that purchases public safety radio communication equipment to ensure that equipment purchased

complies with public safety digital interoperability communications standards in Suite 102 of the ANSI and the TIA. This requirement would not apply with respect to systems that utilize low band frequencies not in general use among public safety agencies when necessary to maintain the systems to ensure statewide interoperability for the agency utilizing the systems.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8592.1 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 8592.1. For purposes of this article, the following terms have
4 the following meanings:

5 (a) “Public safety spectrum” means the spectrum allocated by
6 the Federal Communications Commission for operation of
7 interoperable and general use radio communication systems for
8 public safety purposes within the state.

9 (b) “Committee” means the Public Safety Radio Strategic
10 Planning Committee, which was established in December 1994 in
11 recognition of the need to improve existing public radio systems
12 and to develop interoperability among ~~state~~ public safety agencies
13 ~~departments~~, and which ~~is comprised~~ consists of representatives
14 of the following state entities:

15 (1) ~~The Department of the~~ California Highway Patrol.

16 (2) The Department of Transportation.

17 (3) The Department of Corrections.

18 (4) The Department of Parks and Recreation.

19 (5) The Department of Fish and Game.

20 (6) The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

21 (7) The Department of Justice.

22 (8) The Department of Water Resources.

23 (9) The Office of Emergency Services.

24 (10) The Emergency Medical Services Authority.

25 (11) The Department of the Youth Authority.

26 (12) The Department of General Services.

27 (13) *The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security.*

28 SEC. 2. Section 8592.6 is added to the Government Code, to
29 read:



1 8592.6. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a state
2 agency that purchases public safety radio communication
3 equipment shall ensure that the equipment purchased complies
4 with the public safety interoperability communications standards
5 in Suite 102 or later of the American National Standards Institute
6 (ANSI) and the Telecommunications Information Association
7 (TIA).

8 (b) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to systems that utilize low
9 band frequencies not in general use among public safety agencies
10 when it is necessary to maintain those systems to ensure statewide
11 interoperability for the agency utilizing the systems.

